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Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Tucker.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported the chemicals they are currently using come from Brenntag, they were awarded the bid last year. He added that when the turbidity is high, which has been lately, their chemicals do not seem to work; almost resulting in a boil order last week. He then stated he is back to using delpac since Brenntag's chemical does not work. He concluded by stating everything is fine now, and there was no boil order issued.

Supt. Gray reported Johnson Controls will be down at some time in the future to update the Board on the meter replacement project along with various other updates.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Financial Report was ready ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has not seen it yet.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the finalization of the Countrymark Water Agreement.

Attorney Higgins stated the agreement has been signed by Countrymark and is now ready for Board signatures. She added this is for the property by the wastewater treatment plant.

Board then signed the agreement.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business there is the Sitco agreement. She suggested they table any action for now.

Attorney Higgins agreed and added she will get a letter out to the Board.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

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Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Comm. Epison reported that due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday and Friday's trash will be picked up on Monday.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Tucker stated he has no report.

Acting Fire Chief stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Rueger was not present.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have October's Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the second reading of the Ordinance Establishing a Vehicle Seat Belt Policy for the City of Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is the Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Amend Sections 70.25, 70.26, and 70.35 of the Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances Raising the Accident Report Fee and Establishing a Vehicle Inspection Fee.

Mayor Knowles then opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council about the ordinance ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles then closed the Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Askren moved the Ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions or discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Knowles then requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follow:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is the second reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Elected Officials for the City of Mount Vernon, IN for the year 2007. She stated she would suggest this ordinance be tabled until there is a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority present.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is an Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the General, and Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe explained each entry on said ordinance to Council members.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Councilman Curtis moved proposed ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions or discussion

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent.

Curtis - yes; Cooper - absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is a Resolution to Transfer in the General, Park & Recreation, Park & Recreation Non-Reverting, and Motor Vehicle Funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe again went over the Resolution with Council and added there may be another Resolution required at a later date.

Councilwoman Askren moved the Resolution pass. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions or discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 06-27.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item for consideration is the Ordinance Establishing the County Option Income Tax Fund. She reminded Council this will be the fund that the COIT money the city begins to receive next year will be deposited into.

Councilman Curtis moved ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions or discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles stated the final item is an Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the COIT Fund.

Attorney Higgins asked if this appropriation is for 2007 ?

Mayor Knowles replied yes and added the city needs to make a decision on insurance and before she signed the contract, she wanted a commitment from the Council that they would go forward with helping the employees on the premiums, as discussed at the last meeting. She added she did not want issues for the employees later.

Councilman Curtis asked how many employees opted to take the insurance ?

Mrs. Peerman replied 17 employees will change coverage if the city can get this.

Attorney Higgins asked that the ordinance not be adopted until 2007, though the Council can give the go ahead tonight,

Councilwoman Askren moved the ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions or discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Attorney Higgins stated there is another ordinance, a continuation from last meeting, that did not make it onto the Agenda, the second reading of the Ordinance to Amend Schedule V. Angle Parking of Chapter 75: Parking Schedules of the Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances. She then asked if there were any questions ?

Councilwoman Askren asked other Council members if they have gotten any phone calls on this issue ?

Councilman Tucker and Councilman Curtis both replied that they had.

Councilman Tucker stated he has been asked why it was being done and that there were also concerns with backing out of the spaces and cars having to cross the double yellow line to pass vehicles when they are southbound on Main.

Mayor Knowles added that she had also received some calls, but not many.

Councilman Curtis stated if someone is in a truck trying to back out of a space, there is no problem, but a passenger car will have some problems; he has had a number of comments, but most folks liked the angle parking, it is just difficult to back up. He again stated most folks were very positive, but there were concerns.

Mayor Knowles stated Mr. Burkhardt who is working on this project with the city, says that angle parking actually slows down oncoming traffic and she does not believe there have been any accidents yet.

Councilman Tucker asked if a vehicle crosses the yellow line to avoid a person backing out and is involved in an accident, that person would be responsible.

Mayor Knowles stated the angle parking was very inexpensive and worth it as it doubled parking in the downtown area.

Councilwoman Askren moved the ordinance pass second reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions or discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

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Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business the Solid Waste Management District has asked her to make her annual appointment to their Board for 2007 and she has appointed Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Tucker stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Rueger was not present.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has been receiving call on flooding during heavy rains on Westwood and he has already spoken with Comm. Epison about that. He then added he has also received calls on the noise from the railroad spur.

Mayor Knowles asked what time of day are the complaints about ?

Councilman Curtis replied one person complained about the noise in the daytime.

Councilman-at-Large Cooper was not present.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

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